

**Legislative Host Information 2005**  
**Placement Week November 15-19, 2004**

Office Name:

Host Office	Office of Congressman Sam Farr
Department / Agency	U.S. House of Representatives
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Nearest Metro / Bus Stop	Capitol South
Host Name / Title	Representative Sam Farr

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	X
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	X
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted? 8

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	X
No	

**Office Overview**

***Brief Overview of Your Office's work:*** (Please limit to 150 words.)

Rep. Farr's office offers a family atmosphere based on the idea of both working hard *and* playing hard. Congressman Farr takes a personal interest in the professional development of his fellows and has an open-door policy. The fellow is welcomed as a full member of the staff – given the full set of responsibilities and benefits that come with working for a member of Congress.

More specifically, Rep. Farr has proven his leadership over the past 10 years, especially in the areas of the oceans, environmental protection, affordable housing, specialty crop and organic agriculture. In addition, the office also focuses on civil and women's rights, international conflict resolution, and healthcare. As Rep. Farr sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, the Committee that decides how to spend the money, this office also concentrates much effort into the Appropriations process. By being a member of 'Team Farr,' the fellow will have the chance to learn about many of these topical areas and will gain a full understanding of how a personal House office functions.

### **Assignment Description.**

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	X
1-3 days / month	
4-7 days / month	
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

strong written/oral communication skills
outgoing and creative; comfortable taking a lot of initiative
willing to work with little supervision but able to work well with others
skilled at communicating with a range of people

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

Other House Oceans Caucus Co-Chairs – Mr. Allen (ME), Mr. Weldon (PA), and a third co-chair to replace Mr. Greenwood (yet to be determined)	House Resources Committee
California House and Senate offices	Co-Chairs of the Environmental Task Force – part of the Democratic Caucus

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

Working in the Farr office will offer excellent opportunities to become involved in a broad range of ocean policy issues. The office has hosted Sea Grant Fellows since 1997, so the position comes with a well-developed portfolio of issues and contacts. Sam Farr is recognized as a leader on ocean policy within the House of Representatives. He co-chairs the House Oceans Caucus and relies on the initiative of his Sea Grant fellows to direct caucus activities, including drafting legislation and advising him on executive and regulatory efforts in the marine issue area.

Congressman Farr serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is actively involved in advocating for the funding of marine science and protection. The fellow will get first-hand experience with the annual appropriations process and the funding of programs within the NOAA budget.

There will also be ample opportunity for involvement with specific marine issues, including fisheries, marine mammals, and marine sanctuaries. In all these efforts the fellow will have the benefit of mentoring and oversight from an extraordinarily experienced legislative staff.

Over the next year, the fellow can expect to work on pushing major ocean reform bills passed on the Pew and U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy reports, including the House Oceans Caucus co-chair bill (H.R. 4900) and the clean cruise ship bill (H.R. 4101). The fellow will also prepare speeches on ocean topics, write talking points for floor statements and hearing testimony, follow topics of interest to the Monterey Bay Sanctuary , and keep up-to-date with marine science and policy issues.

The fellow will be given the opportunity to develop policy-related skills and deliverables during his/her year in the Farr office. The fellow will hone her/his ability to communicate effectively; will develop expertise in analysis of policy issues; will gain an understanding of a wide array of Congressional processes; and will leave with a variety of writing samples.